Radicalization and Counter-Radicalization

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About the Book

The fifteen chapters in this volume of Sociology of Crime, Law, and Deviance discuss a number of issues researchers in the fields of sociology, criminology, and criminal justice theorize, conceptualize, and measure racialization and counter-radicalization. Typically understood as an individual or group transitioning away from legitimate or lawful political, religious, or otherwise ideological belief toward unlawful violence, radicalization has become an increasingly studied topic in sociological and criminological research on terrorism. Scholarly questions related to terrorism and counter-terrorism have thus shifted away from seeking to explain terrorism reactively to preemptive interventions that aim to understand and intervene in a process toward terrorist activity. The authors in this volume illuminate the complexity, diversity, and rigor of current theoretical and empirical research in radicalization studies in a number of areas, such as pre-emption, risk analysis, education, the role of the state and civil society, youth intervention, online and offline radicalization, former extremists, and penology. This contemporary overview of the field of radicalization studies will be of interest to a wide range of scholars and students in the fields of sociology, criminology, justice policy, penology, law, and criminal justice.